

Jericho Energy Task Force Meeting – August 11, 2016

Members present: Eric Bishop, Larry Lamb (7:35), Phyl Newbeck, Roger Putzel (arrived 7:10), Ceilidh Peden-Spear (arrived 7:15), Kathie Voigt Walsh

1. Jericho's role in Act 174 (formerly S 260) - the energy siting bill

There was a discussion of the contents of Act 174. This may be an opportunity for us to beef up the energy section of our Town Plan. Kathie will be attending a meeting in Montpelier on August 30th regarding the standards for the siting of renewables under the Act. The consensus was that we need ways to measure energy consumption and energy saving.

2. Possible JETF presence at Harvest Market – display e-vehicles

We decided to send out a query on Front Porch Forum for people with electric cars and hybrids to be displayed at Browns River Middle School during Harvest Market weekend. The goal is to introduce people to the rapidly changing field. We will provide information on incentives and special financing, as well as a map of charging stations. At a later date, we may do something around electric bicycles.

3. Renewable energy for the town

The committee has been on hiatus over the summer.

4. 2016-2017 JETF calendar review

We talk about this next month and it will include discussions of movies and other events.

5. Collaboration with food shelf?

Phyl reported that the Charlotte Energy Committee collaborated with the Charlotte Food Shelf to provide wool blankets and insulation kits to patrons. They got a grant from a local interfaith organization. Kathie said that Heat Smart provided the kits which cost \$12 each. Phyl will reach out to the food shelf to gauge their interest and then we will look into funding sources.

Our next meeting will be September 8.

Agenda Items will include discussions of Harvest Market, Heat Smart collaboration report of the town renewable energy subcommittee, and calendar and events planning.